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THE
LOTUS From "Beauty, Time and Love." ❧
By Samuel Daniel. (1562-1619.)

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AND yet I cannot reprehend the flight
Or blame th' attempt presuming so to soar;
The mounting venture for a high delight
Did make the honour of the fall the more.
For who gets wealth, that puts not from the shore?
Danger hath honour, great designs their fame;
Glory doth follow, courage goes before;
And though th' event oft answers not the same—
Suffice that high attempts have never shame.
The mean observer, whom base safety keeps,
Lives without honour, dies without a name,
And in eternal darkness ever sleeps.—

And therefore, Delia, 'tis to me no blot
To have attempted, tho' attain'd thee not.

